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HIGH COMMISSIONER WARNS JEWS AND ARABS

Severe Security Measures If Strife Does Not Cease

18 ARABS ESCAPE FROM ACRE PRISON

Jerusalem, Dec. 10.—Faced with the difficult task of maintaining law and order in Palestine with a diminishing British garrison, Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, announced today the adoption of "severe measures" if the present inter-racial strife continued.

The warning was issued almost simultaneously with reports that nine Jews and at least six Arabs had been killed in renewed fighting in Palestine today.

The threatened British measures would, according to informed quarters here, include rigorous application of defence emergency laws, including the death penalty for carrying, or using, fire arms, possible countrywide restrictions for road traffic and imposition of curfews in strife-torn areas.

End Of The World Before 2,000 AD

Indian's Prophecy

Adelaide, Dec. 10.—Before the year 2,000 AD, there will be "another comet, the most destructive of all wars and the end of the world," according to Mr Ahmar Gals Singh, an Indian claiming to be 114 years old, who has been described by Mr George Dowdell, the Australian Government astronomer, as a "great and mysterious man with a marvellous ability to foretell future events."

Mr Dowdell confirmed today that a fortnight ago, Mr Singh had predicted the appearance of the new comet seen flashing across the Southern heavens during the last few days.

Mr Singh made another prophecy today that "seven sun spots—the centre one colossal—will be visible in this area two minutes after midnight on Christmas Day."

"The people in England laughed when I predicted in 1932 that a great comet would appear in six months. Many committed suicide when the great comet came," Mr Singh declared.

Mr Singh said that "supernatural influences" had brought him from Melbourne weeks ago.

The comet of 1932 was unusually bright, and was clearly seen by day-light. Calculations made at the time determined that it would appear about every 700 years.—Reuter.

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Strikers Go Back To Work

Schuman Broadcasts To People

Paris, December 10.—Most of France's 1,000,000 strikers resumed work today after an absence of three weeks, but the Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labour announced at midday that it would continue to fight for the "release of imprisoned strikers," and the abrogation of the Government's anti-strike law.

The Confederation yesterday ordered the strikers back to work after the Government's warning of sterner measures if there is not a big strike return today.

In a communiqué today, the Confederation announced that it might postpone its national congress from December 19 until the Government wage proposals—accepted last night—became effective.

The return of strikers in the port of Marseilles was not complete although some began work for the first time for 28 days and sailors rejoined their ships. It was hoped that omnibus and tramcar services would be running normally by this evening.

Miners in the Lille area were opposed by strikers, who still wanted to stay out and pickets prevented those who wanted to return to work from entering the pits at Sallau mines.

Paris housewives had enough gas pressure for cooking, water pressure was back and work to clear the boulevards and streets of heaps of rubbish was started.—Reuter.

COUNTRY BREATHES AGAIN

Paris, December 10.—The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, told the French people in a broadcast tonight: "The last strikes were drawing to a close today. Work starts again. The country breathes once more."

The only victory of which the Government hoped one day to be proud, M. Schuman continued: "is the victory over misery, injustice and exploitation of distress."

It had been said that "strikes do not pay." We observe today that strikes are expensive, very expensive, for the nation. More than 2,000,000 tons of coal, more than 400,000 tons of cast steel and the entire stoppage of unloading of supplies from ships—these among many other losses have been inflicted on the country by three weeks of strikes.

"The Government has shown firmness on the side of workers against saboteurs of employment and will join with workers in their unrelenting fight against food saboteurs," M. Schuman said.

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EDITORIAL

Government Controls

SIR Victor Sassoon expressed some lively and forceful criticisms of governmental controls to the Rotary Club on Tuesday—some well founded, and some superficial. Most pertinent point made by Sir Victor concerned the maladministration of controls and the stupidity of bureaucratic officials. Here he put his finger on the prime weakness of government supervision of established freedom of trading and individual liberty. The principle of controls in any time of national emergency (such as now) requires no defending; for its purposes are equal distribution of limited resources and commodities, most effective use of manpower for production of essentials and protection of the nation from calamitous inflation. Controls, if operated efficiently should, in a large measure, produce such results, and when they do they are justified. It is the bungling bureaucrats, devoid of imagination, incompetent, and lacking a properly developed sense of responsibility who bring ridicule and contempt on an system designed to do the most good for the most people. It is to these maladministrators, and not the conception of official controls to which criticism should be directed; moreover it should be insisted that the incompetents be re-

Sir Alan Cunningham called on Arabs and Jewish leaders to co-operate.

The High Commissioner's communique stated that the British Government had made it clear that so long as the mandate for Palestine remained in force, the Palestine Administration would discharge its duty of maintaining law and order in the Holy Land.

In nine days of Arab-Jewish strife there had been a grievous loss of life, extensive damage to property.

Mr Rees Williams said that the police, despite the use of tear gas and rifle fire, were unable to prevent looting and burning of Jewish shops, and military aid was called for.

Three British destroyers landed marines and two companies of infantry were sent to Aden by air.

Over 900 Jews were evacuated to camps under British protection and over 100 Arabs were arrested. Reuter.

ACA KHAN'S OFFER

Meanwhile, the Emir Ismail Suliman, head of the Ismaelite section in Syria, has informed the Syrian Government that the Aga Khan, supreme head of Ismaelites, had declared that he would contribute £30,000,000 for the "redemption" of Palestine, the Damascus correspondent of the Near East广播 station said to-night.

If the United Nations did not deviate from its present decision to partition Palestine, to the Aga Khan, according to the Emir Ismail as quoted by the correspondent, said: "He would buy all Palestine and give it back to the Arabs."

Under a rain of shots from the sentry 18 Arab prisoners climbed up the eastern wall of Acre prison in north Palestine today and escaped. It was officially stated.

Arabs from Acre town fired on the prison wall to help those escaping, reports said.

It was later learned that the Arabs escaped by shooting through the bars of their cells, tying up a warden and descending into the Arab market below the prison wall by means of smuggled rope.

Eighty Jewish prisoners were tonight taken from Acre to Jerusalem.

DISPATCH RIDER KILLED

A British dispatch rider was killed and another was wounded by shots fired in Haifa today. It was also reported that a Spanish priest was shot and wounded in the stomach by an unknown gunman while standing on the roof of the Salesian school in Haifa.

With almost complete stoppage of road traffic between Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem, trunk calls between the two cities have risen almost hundred per cent, with delays of upwards of three hours on urgent calls.

The Jaffa telephone exchange is working at less than 50 per cent of its normal strength, 150 Jewish telephone operators staying away from work because they fear Arab attacks.

An unofficial truce was reported to be in effect on the mixed border districts between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv tonight and no incidents had so far been reported. A few British armoured cars patrolled the Jerusalem-Jaffa road.

In Cairo, the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini, and Sheikh Youssef Yassin, Saudi Arabian representative to the Arab League, held a long secret meeting during the night.

The meeting began at midnight and lasted five hours. No indication has been given of the subjects covered.—Reuter.

ADEN CASUALTIES

London, Dec. 10.—The latest known casualties resulting from the five days anti-Jewish rioting at the Red Sea port of Aden, which followed the United Nations decision to

Siamese Twins

Gain Weight

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—Siamese twins born joined together at the tops of their skulls were gaining weight on the usual milk diet of babies.

It was announced today they had gained a total of five ounces since their birth 11 days ago, bringing their combined weight to eight pounds and nine ounces.

Their progress in growth and health was about normal for babies born one month prematurely.

Brain specialists abandoned plans for a delicate operation to separate the bone which connects them at the top of the skulls. They said there was virtually no hope that the twins could survive the operation because apparently they have a common brain tissue.

The specialists said the joint was not flexible and theoretically the only way they could ever walk would be with one supported upside down on the head of the other.—United Press.

Soviet Repat Commission Expelled

Paris, Dec. 10.—A 12-man Soviet repatriation commission, including three colonels, expelled from France for alleged "subversive activities" caught the Paris-Orient express for the border last night, in the glare of photographers' flash-lights.

Earlier, the Soviet Government had broken off trade negotiations by which the French had hoped to obtain 300,000 tons of wheat in exchange for commercial products.

These developments, making a sudden worsening in Soviet-French relations, were a sequel to French action six weeks ago in closing the Soviet repatriation camp near Paris and the subsequent arrest and expulsion of 10 Soviet citizens for activities "prejudicial to French national interests. The arrest of a twentieth was disclosed today.

It usually well-informed French circles the possibility of the breaking off of diplomatic relations was considered quite unfounded, although there was some speculation about Soviet intentions.

Colonel Alexsandrovich Filatov, head of the expelled mission, waved nonchalantly to a small group of embassy officials and employees when the train left the Gare de Lest station for Strasbourg.

A few hours earlier he had been identified by a French Foreign Office spokesman as one of the members of the mission who had been engaged in "subversive activities."—Reuter.

DENOUNCES HIS GOVT.

Moscow, Dec. 10.—Raymond Marquie, chief of the French Repatriation Mission ordered by the Soviet Government to leave Russia, today denounced his own Government for "falsely" accusing Russian officers of "subversive activities" in France.

M. Marquie, who fought with Polish and Ukrainian partisans during the war, said the French charges against the Soviet Repatriation Mission in Paris "echoed" some made last summer by a Socialist magazine in the United States. He did not name the crashed plane.—Reuter.

CONFIDENTIAL

Paris, Dec. 10.—The French Foreign Ministry has issued a statement that the Soviet Union has withdrawn its reparations claims from current production and "firm" agreements are achieved on economic principles, there is little use in going on with the present meeting.

Mr Molotov conceded that the Soviet view on reparations differed from the Western view and said, according to conference sources, "As for the considerations just stated by the United States delegation, they are unfounded and the Soviet delegation will prove them unfounded when the question of reparations from current production comes under discussion."

M. Marquie told a press conference "none" of the allegations in the French notes to Russia "can be charged against the Government or authorities of the Soviet Government or can be supported by any

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EARTHQUAKE WRECKS HOUSES

Ankara, Dec. 10.—A violent earthquake last night shook an area of eastern Anatolia, wrecking many houses and about 200 stables.

The East Anatolian area affected extended from southern Erzerum to Kars, near the Turkish-Russian border.

No loss of human life has been reported, but many thousands of panic-stricken people camped in the open and about 800 lost their homes.

The Hessian Kale and Karakeusseh districts suffered particularly badly.

A Reuter message from Nicosia, Cyprus, said that tremors lasting about half a minute, shook the island early today, but no damage was reported.—Reuter.

CONFIDENCE VOTE

For Belgian Govt.

Brussels, Dec. 10.—The Belgian Government received a vote of confidence by 152 against 32 votes in the Chamber of Deputies today after a stormy session during its debate on King Leopold, now in exile in Switzerland.—Reuter.

The construction of submarines in Japan on these plans was supervised by engineers from the German and Vulkan shipyards, both belonging to Krupp.

It was stated that with the approval of the German Admiralty the

preparations had ad-

Marshall Talks Bluntly

No Reparations From Current Production

DEMANDS INFORMATION

London, Dec. 10.—Secretary of State George Marshall declared on Wednesday night that the Soviet Union was taking US\$500,000,000 annually in German assets out of the Russian occupied zone and demanded that such withdrawals cease within three weeks.

Launching his first offensive in the Council of Foreign Ministers, Marshall made a bid for a showdown on the issue of reparations which may make or break the present conference within a matter of days. In reference to the Soviet demand for US\$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany out of current production, Marshall said: "I wish it to be clearly understood that the United States is not prepared to agree to any programme of reparations from current production as a price for the unification of Germany."

He said that while the United States and Britain are pouring US\$700,000,000 annually into Germany to keep the Germans alive, the Russians in their zone were steadily draining away German assets. He added: "Also in that area German businesses, through one device or another, are being brought under Soviet ownership and placed in a gigantic Soviet trust."

Mr Marshall replied: "The United States government has taken no decision to bring in new currency in its zone or jointly with any other zone."

The United States agreed to public ownership of certain industries on the condition that the German people as a whole first vote on such nationalisation. This was agreed to by Russia and Britain. France reserved her position until it is decided what controls should be placed on some industries.

"Thus, in effect, much of the German economy operates for the Soviet account. Also much German manpower is being taken out of productive effort, either through forcible seizure or under the colours of contracts which are imposed. This is the situation which needs to be corrected at once. Correction cannot be delayed for a decision at some indefinite future time. Before then, German economy most probably would be so wrecked that its dead weight would drag down and submerge the economy of all twenty.

He then submitted a request to the Council to rule that from next January 1 "nothing shall be taken out of Germany except for a fair economic value in money or goods which can be immediately used to sustain the German economy."

"If we cannot take this economic decision which is of immediate vital significance, then we are wasting our time when there is no time to waste," Mr Marshall said.

Mr Marshall said the Western influence had made economic information available and declared, "I am naturally unable to perceive justification of withholding by the Soviet Union of information which I consider necessary. Such an attitude makes the discussion here untenable."

Mr Molotov replied that the procedure for the Allied Control Council in Berlin did not provide for making such information available, and when it did so it would supply the information.—Associated Press.

ACCIDENT HOLDS UP TRAMS

Fourteen east-bound trams were held up for about ten minutes this morning when shortly before 10 o'clock a Chinese pedestrian was knocked down at the corner of Peader Street and Des Voeux Road outside the Post Office. The man, who suffered head injuries, was removed to hospital.

Submarine construction bureau was dissolved as a Dutch firm that practical experience of submarines with foreign navies could be obtained.

At the end of 1923 the German Navy was working with various foreign navies on experiments with electrically driven torpedoes, experiments which Germany had to abandon in 1918.

The German firms succeeded, in 1927 in co-operating with the Swedish Navy on experiments of this nature with the tacit support of the German Admiralty, according to evidence.

The representative said that these developments cost the concern 300,000,000 marks and consequently Krupp were short by this amount of money required to carry out further extensions.—Reuter.

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By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.
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No woman can look beautiful if she lets her face "fold up" and lets her muscles sag. The dreadful square contour of age need not come to you if you will practise Contour Control.

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Fold your 4x6 cotton pads into spoon-shaped paddles. Now dip the paddle into the astringent. Start moulding firmly, from the centre of the chin, upward to the ears. Now the other side, over and over. Firm, mould, mould! Press upward along the sagging contour line. Now put a bit of ice in a tissue or thin piece

The Expert in the Kitchen recommends

A NIP FOR PUDDINGS

BABA AU RHUM

1lb. flour, pinch of salt, 1/4 oz. yeast, 1/2 pint milk or water, 1/4 teaspoonful castor sugar, 1 egg, 1oz. margarine, 2 tablespoonsfuls melted golden syrup, 1oz. currants if liked, 2 tablespoonsfuls rum or rum essence.

PREPARE a mould or several small moulds, by greasing well, and dusting out with flour. Warm the flour and salt in a basin. Cream the yeast with 1/2 teaspoonful castor sugar. Add the tepid milk and melted margarine to mix. Add the currants and continue to beat. Half fill the moulds and put to rise in a warm place. Bake in a hot oven for 10 minutes in small moulds; 20 minutes if in large mould.

Serve on a hot dish, prick with a skewer, and baste thoroughly with rum syrup, made by dissolving the golden syrup in 2 tablespoonsfuls of water and adding rum or essence to flavor.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

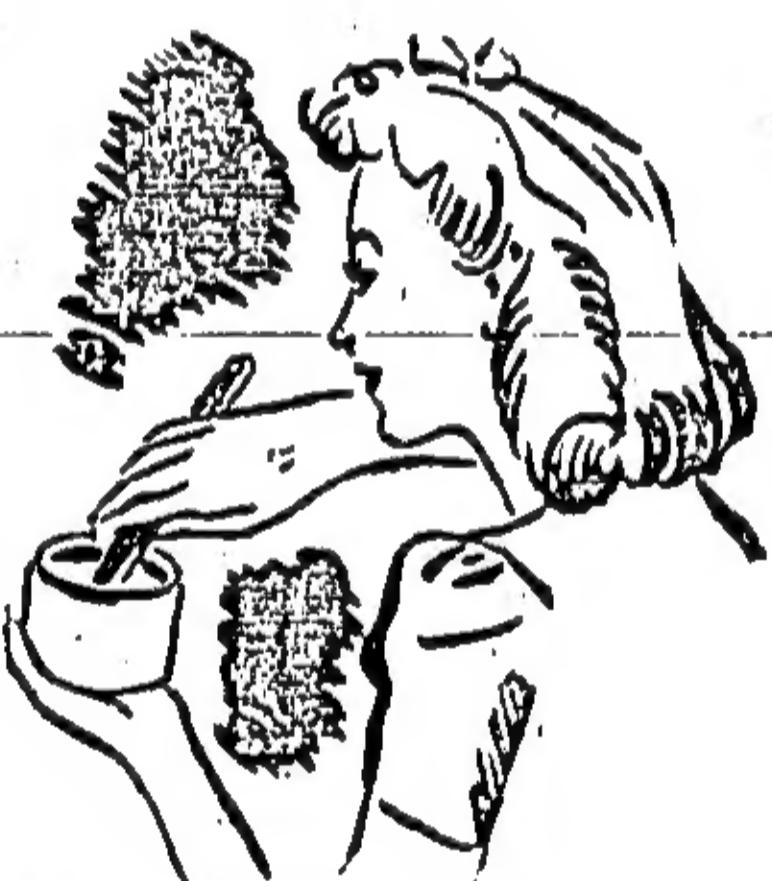
6oz. flour, 2oz. margarine or lard, 1 small-teaspoonful baking powder, 1/2 teaspoonful salt, cold water to mix, 4 cooking apples, 1oz. brown sugar (or dates or raisins), 1/2 pint custard.

SEIVE the flour and salt into a basin and rub in the fat with the tips of the fingers. Add the baking powder and mix with sufficient water to form a stiff dough. Divide the pastry into four even portions, and roll out into a round about 1/8 inch thick. Peel and core the apples and place in the centre of the pastry. Fill the centre with brown sugar or dates or raisins. Wrap the pastry round the apple and work out all the cracks carefully with the fingers. Place on a baking sheet and brush over with 1 tablespoonful of sugar dissolved in 1 tablespoonful of water. Bake in a moderate oven (Rugulo 6 or 400 deg. F.) for 30-40 minutes.

GEORGIE RODGERS

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Dry skin needs constant care and it should be both beautified and protected by a creamy-soft foundation. Select your cream foundation in a shade which matches your skin tone. Every time you go out you should protect your skin. And, once in a while, pat on a few drops of cosmetic oil. It will be absorbed by your dry skin as quickly as water is absorbed by dry earth!

SIDE GLANCES



By Galbraith

Arabs Volunteer For Showdown With Jews

BY SAM SOUKI
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Cairo, Dec. 10.—The swarthy, middle-aged man with the flashing black eyes finished talking, unsheathed his curved dagger and sank it into his own arm. He did not wince, and only a slight contraction of his eyes betrayed the pain he felt. As the blood started spouting, he fished out a pen, dipped it into the growing red pool and started to write.

"This is my will. I volunteer as fighter in the Arab Army for the liberation of Palestine. In the event of my death I give half my wordly belongings, lands and income from my firm in Beirut, to the leaders of this army so long as the fight for Palestine continues. The other half goes to my family to support them. I am writing and signing this with my blood, which I am ready to shed for the salvation of Arab Palestine."

The man, middle-aged Druze with a flourishing business in Beirut,

the capital of the Lebanon, got up, placed a handkerchief over his wound, and handed his will to Fawzi el Kawakji, former commander of the 1937 Arab revolt in Palestine, around whom volunteers are rallying.

This incident took place at Journal, a village nestling in the Lebanese mountains where Kawakji is accepting volunteers for his army.

It is an illustration of the mood of the Arabs throughout the Middle East, believes Kawakji, who told this correspondent that he was daily receiving visits and letters from different parts of the Arab world from people volunteering to fight under his command in Palestine.

Volunteers For Armies

Throughout Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, every village is organising its own group of volunteers who are either recruited by El Kawakji or place themselves at the disposal of the Arab League, either to be assigned to Kawakji's guerrillas or to be included in the regular armies drawn in readiness for a showdown in Palestine.

During my recent trip to Palestine, Syria and Lebanon, it was evident that with or without the blessings of the governments the Arab masses were girding their loins and oiling their guns for war.

Every Arab villager in these countries has a rifle hidden in his hut, and quite a few have acquired Tommy guns. The majority of these people cannot read or write, but the word has gone round, spreading like wildfire, that Palestine was in danger and that the moment had come to prepare for war.

May Strike Soon

This call to arms and the fiery speeches of such recognised leaders as Fawzi el Kawakji, Grand Mufti Haj Amin el Husseini and the local leaders, each of whom heads a village or a group of villages, have fired the enthusiasm of the masses.

Everywhere you go there is talk of war for Palestine. There are mass meetings, recruiting centres, preparations for training, and palavers between tribal sheikhs, city folk and village chieftains.

There are persistent rumours that some of these groups may even strike in the near future without waiting for any decisions from either the Arab League or the official governments. There is talk of guerrilla fighters infiltrating into Palestine and carrying out demolition work and raids similar to the Jewish underground to show world opinion that the Arabs are as capable as the Jews in the use of force as an argument.—United Press.

CATERING FOR CATERERS

Britain's Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Exhibition, last held in 1937, is to be revived at Olympia, London, from January 18 to 24, 1948.

It is being held under the joint auspices of the Hotels and Restaurants Association, the Residential Hotels Association, the Caterers' Association, the Reunion des Gastronomes, the Industrial Catering Association, the United Kingdom Bartenders Guild, and the Catering Trader Education Committee.

Association conferences and meetings will be an important side-line to the exhibition, and tentative arrangements have already been made for a large number of lectures and demonstrations.

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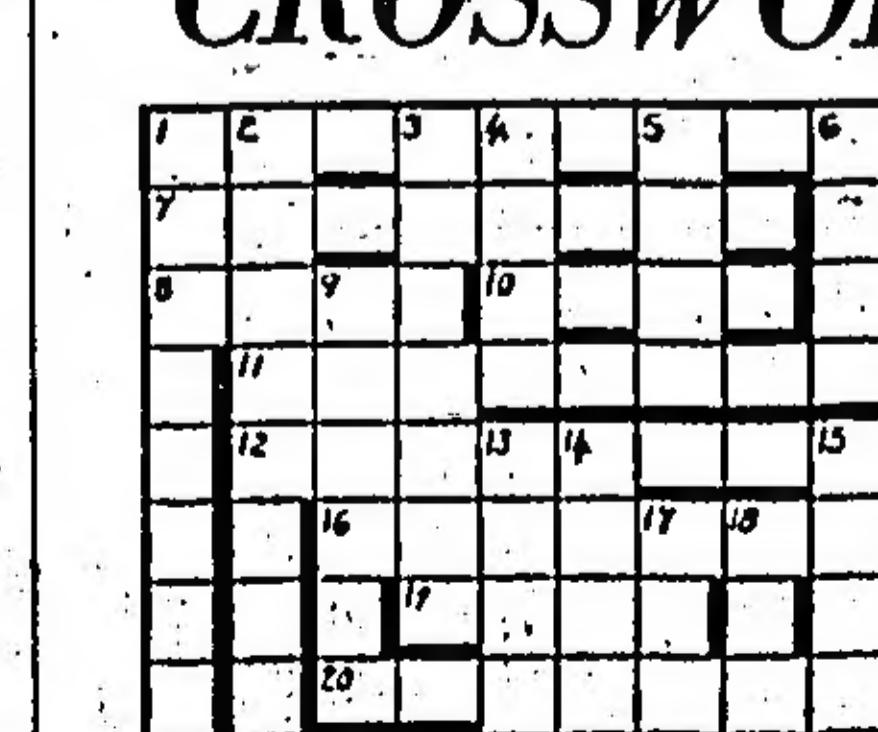


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1. P-R4; 1... P X P (e.p.);
2. Kt-K7 (ch); 1... P-Q5;
2. B-R3.

Across
1. Where men get tennis mixed. (10)
2. The woman proves the statement. (10)
3. You're not likely to find him on the trolley one. (4)
4. Louis Bromfield's penname. (4)

Down
1. This is usually in book form and is often used to make a book. (9)
2. Internal movement meets the aid. (9)
3. The younger boy's task. (7)
4. A short forename. (6)
5. Fine sort of hat according to Shakespeare. (6)
6. Decorative. (6)
7. Egg-shaped. (6)
8. Repeat a trapping objection. (5)
9. Repeat a trapping mistake. (5)
10. Catches. (4)
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POLES CENSOR LETTERS

While Poland claims that it does not censor incoming or outgoing correspondence, practically every letter from abroad is examined by government scrutineers in Poznan.

Poznan is a centre for the receiving of foreign mail. Letters clearing with a Poznan postmark and delivered, for example, in Warsaw, bear a government stamp saying that it was received already opened and the envelope flap lacked sufficient glue. Other letters bear a government stamp saying that they were received in a "damaged condition."—Associated Press.

"MY DARLING CLEMENTINE"

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COMMENCING TO-MORROW,

"NOB HILL"

Starring George RAFT Joan BENNETT

Life is hard in Hollywood. Charles Boyer, who smokes cigarettes but dislikes cigars intensely, was required to smoke several cigars in his most recent picture, "A Woman's Vengeance." Exports at Universal-International

studios devised cigars of various lengths which were in reality disguised cigarette holders. The false cigars had a hollow centre into which the French actor merely inserted his favorite brand of cigarettes.—Associated Press.

AGREEMENT AT MOSCOW

London, Dec. 10.—A high Government source said today that he believed Britain and Russia had reached an agreement "in principle" on a new trade pact.

Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, is returning today from Moscow, where he has been conducting trade negotiations. The source said he did not believe Wilson would return "unless agreement in principle has been reached."

No details of the talks were disclosed. — Associated Press.

GERMS WILL OUTCLASS ATOM BOMBS

Los Angeles, Dec. 10.—A germ weapon and not an atomic bomb is the great threat of any future war, warned Dr Arthur Compton, noted scientist and Nobel prize winner.

He said he did not consider the atomic bomb alone was enough to win a war yet "because in order to win you have still got to occupy a country."

Dr Compton said within another decade bombs might be improved to a point where enemy countries could be blanketed with atomic warheads, making occupation unnecessary.

"But before such an eventuality arrives the forces at work to prolong peace may remove the threats of war," Dr Compton said. He added these forces would commerce the spread of ideas and travel.

Dr Compton believes the Russians would have the atomic bomb within 10 years, but of a rudimentary type. He added: "When they find out how much trouble it is to make a bomb I will not be surprised if the Russians adopt some other weapons, possibly germ warfare."

He said a war of germs could be more horrible than atomic warfare, because germ weapons aim at wiping out all life whereas atomic weapons are primarily intended to destroy property.

Dr Compton was chairman of the Department of Physics at the University of Chicago when the first chain reaction nuclear fission was produced there.—United Press.

TRUMAN AND EVANS HOME

Teterboro, New Jersey, Dec. 10.—George W. Truman and Clifford V. Evans, Jr. landed at Teterboro airport at 10:14 a.m. EST today, completing in 122 days 23 hours 4 minutes their flight around the world in the smallest plane ever to attempt the trip.

The pilots, both veterans of the U.S. Army Air Force, took off from Teterboro at 11:10 a.m. last August 9 in their 100 h.p. Piper supercruisers, "City of Angels" and "City of Washington".

Flying wing to wing across oceans and terrain, never before spanned by such tiny aircraft, they circled the world on a 23,000-mile route with stops in 21 countries.

The smallest plane previously to make the round-the-world flight was the late Wiley Post's "Winnie Mae," a 575-h.p. Lockheed Vega, described at the time as the "fastest thing on wings," which Post piloted twice on a 15,600 mile course in eight days in 1931 and in just one week in 1933.

Truman, a native of Los Angeles, has been flying since 1928. He served as an Army flight instructor during the war; and since his discharge has been instructing flying students with Evans in Washington.

Evans received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for services as a C-47 pilot in the China-Burma-India theatre of war.—United Press.

SUCCESSOR TO GEN. LUCAS

Washington, Dec. 10.—Major-General David G. Barr has been appointed Chief of the Army Advisory Group in China to succeed Major-General John P. Lucas, Secretary Royal announced today.

The change in command becomes effective about March 1 and is in line with the Army policy of rotating general officers in the various commands.

Barr at present is Assistant Chief of Staff at the Army Ground Forces headquarters at Fort Monroe, Virginia.—Associated Press.

IRAN'S PREMIER RESIGNS

Teheran, Iran, Dec. 10.—Premier Ahmed Qavam failed on Wednesday night to win sufficient votes in a test of confidence and in accord with constitutional procedure his resignation became mandatory. The Teheran radio announced he has resigned.—Associated Press.

ANOTHER BIG ROME STRIKE IS ORDERED

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Provincial Chamber of Labour on Wednesday night ordered a general strike for Rome and Rome province beginning with the start of the working day on Thursday and to continue until Premier Alcide de Gasperi's government meets demands of leftists for winter unemployment aid.

The new leftist challenge to the government climaxed a wave of Communist led demonstrations, strikes and violence which has harassed the middle of the road Christian Democratic government for four weeks.

The immediate cause for the strike call was the fatal shooting of a 20-year-old Communist in a clash between demonstrators and police in the Primavalle slum area of Rome's outskirts on Friday.

A committee of delegates, called the "Council of Laws," decreed that the strike would continue until the government met demands advanced on behalf of the Rome area's 80,000 unemployed.

Calling out all workers in industry, commerce and agriculture, except a few to keep some skeleton services going, the Provincial Chamber of Labour demanded the earmarking of 10,000,000 lire

(US\$18,050,000) for a public works programme. The Chamber charged that the government had offered only 2,000,000 lire for public works, although unofficial reports earlier said the government offered to set aside 11,000,000 lire for a nationwide programme.

Extended Occupations

Virtually all Rome's transportation is scheduled to stop at midnight. There are several exemptions from the strike call, including bakers and millers, employees of food stores, public markets, dairies and certain restaurants, enough public utilities employees to keep services going, and postal and communications employees needed to handle telegrams and sort mail, but not to distribute mail.

As the strike was called de Gasperi was still trying to broaden his government and gain parliamentary support by bringing the two small leftist parties, Labour Socialists and Republicans, into his government.

The Republicans are reported still reluctant, however, to accept the post of Public Order, which de Gasperi is reported to have offered them. The calling of the general strike makes the post of Public Order the hot spot in his government.—Associated Press.

Government Allocation

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Government today appropriated 10,350,000 lire for the Rome public works programme, thus meeting one of the main demands of the Communist-controlled workers, who have called a general strike to start in Rome at midnight.—United Press.

BRITAIN DRAWS ON U.S. LOAN

Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States Treasury announced today that Britain has withdrawn \$100,000,000 from the remaining \$400,000,000 of the United States loan to Britain.

It is the first time that Britain has benefited from this loan since convertibility was suspended in the middle of last August.

British officials declined to give any estimate as to the future rate of such withdrawals, but they expressed the view that it is hoped the loan will last until the end of next February.

British officials stressed, however, that today's withdrawal would mean no change whatever in Britain's present dollar-purchasing schedule and that it was intended merely to maintain the strict austerity level of living.

The withdrawal coincided with a dispatch from Joseph Alsop, New York Herald-Tribune columnist, which claimed that the visit of Mr Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador in London, to Washington last month was directly concerned with the problem of the loan's unfreezing.

Dollar Securities

He claimed that there would inevitably be a gap between final exhaustion of the loan funds and implementation of the Marshall plan, and reported that the United States Treasury was now exploring plans to overcome this difficulty.

Alsop said that one of the British Government's expedients in seeking to bridge the gap in dollar supplies to the new remaining dollar securities which Britain holds.

If Britain's reserves in hard assets fall below \$2,000,000,000, there would be an acute danger of a run on the Bank of England, and the present sterling area would fall to pieces and normal trade would cease," Alsop said.—Reuter.

Strikers Go Back To Work

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Requesting farmers to make available all their products, he added: "From this week, the Government will undertake consultations, out of which will come a general settlement of economic and social problems."

"If everyone brings to his task the same goodwill, a spirit of hope will arise. If this fails the Government will show that it can use its authority as much against those who strike as against those who spread disorder."—Reuter.

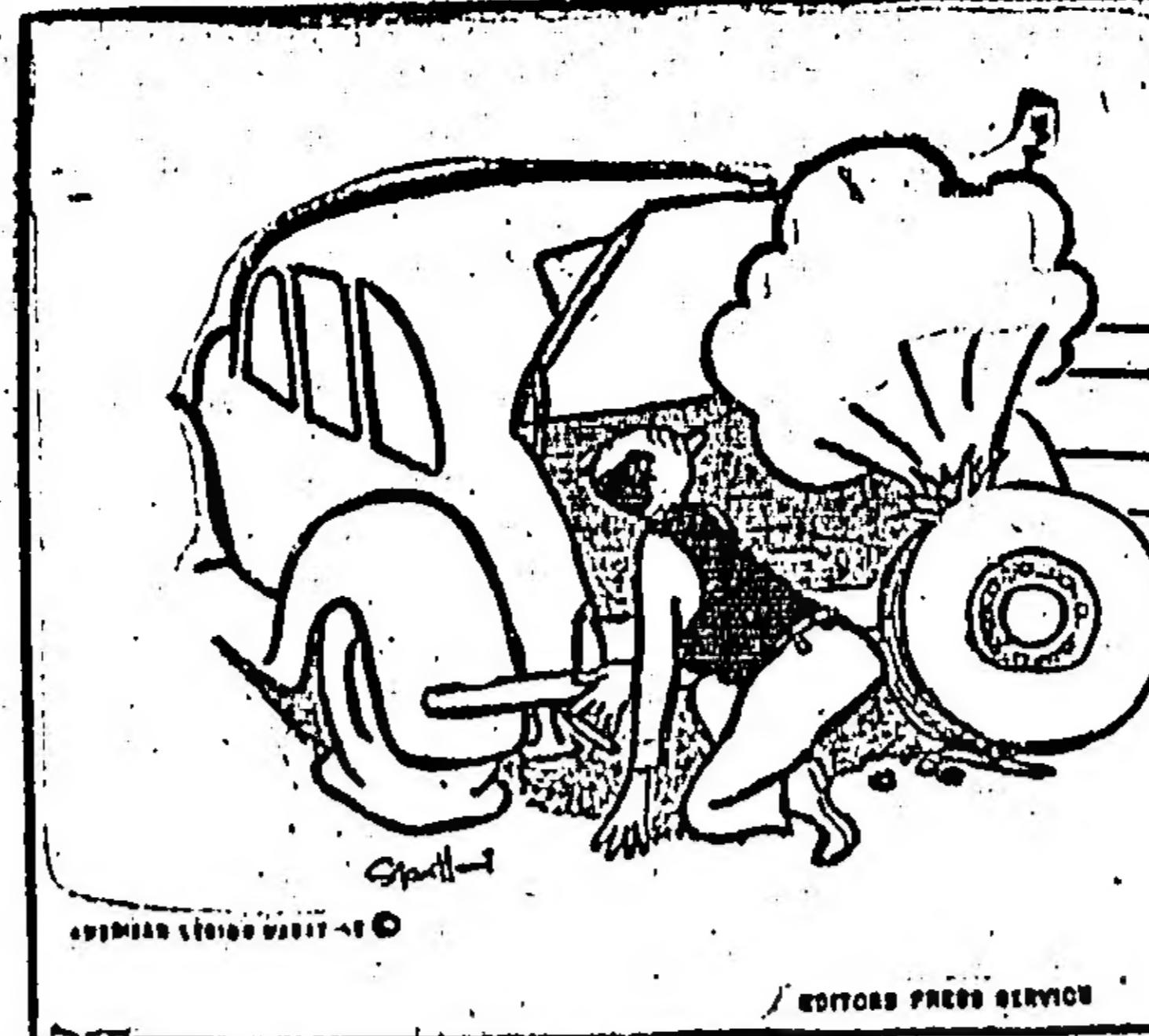
"Little Assembly" Inauguration

Lake Success, Dec. 10.—The Secretary General of the United Nations, Dr Trygve Lie, has set January 5 for the opening session of the United Nations "Little Assembly."

Dr Lie announced that 57 United Nations had been notified formally of the opening date and urged to appoint delegates to the "Little Assembly," which will meet the entire year round to debate international political issues.—United Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers

1. Swedish hors d'oeuvres. 2. A drummer. 3. The Whangoo River. 4. Five inches long; 3½ inches wide and 3½ inches deep. 5. Australian. 6. Henry Bell on the river Clyde in 1812.



TOSHACK OMITTED FROM SECOND TEST TEAM

Sydney, Dec. 10.—Having failed to pass a medical test Ernest Toshack, who took 11 wickets for 31 runs during the Brisbane Test, has been omitted from Australia's team for the second Test which begins here on Friday.

Victor's lefthanded batsman, Neil Harvey, 18 years old and the youngest of five cricket brothers, has been included among the Australians from whom the team will finally be chosen.

Toshack slightly strained a cartilage during the Brisbane game, and he left the field for several overs. The injury was then regarded as serious and medical advice suggested that he would be fit for the second Test.

Though severe, the withdrawal of Toshack is not an irreparable blow to Australia owing to the wide variety of bowling at Bradman's command.

It is significant that after an inferior display in the first Test against England last year, Toshack was sparingly used in the second Test at Sydney, and delivered only 13 overs at a cost of 22 runs.

On that occasion offspinner Johnson was the destroyer with six wickets for 42 runs in 30 overs. Bradman now has five bowlers available—Ray Lindwall, K. Miller, W. Johnston, Colin McCool and Ian Johnson.

The inclusion of Neil Harvey is a surprise, even though it is generally conceded that he deserves a place in the team. At present he is in Perth, from where he is flying today to Sydney.

For Victoria against Western Australia in the drawn Sheffield Shield which ended yesterday, he hit 41. A splendid deep fieldman, Harvey would be an asset to the team.—Reuter.

Indians Not Picked

Sydney, Dec. 10.—India's cricketing tourists were tonight guests at

King Michael

Going Home

Geneva, Dec. 10.—King Michael of Rumania, who has been in Lausanne since his arrival there from London, where he attended Princess Elizabeth's wedding, is likely to leave for Bucharest on Friday or Saturday, a spokesman of the Rumanian Legation at Berne stated today.

The King's special train is believed to be on its way from Bucharest today.

Another authoritative source commented today that it would be surprising if any official confirmation concerning the reports that the King may become engaged to the 23-year-old Princess Anne Bourbons-Parme was made before his departure from Switzerland.

The Princess, with her mother, is staying at the same hotel in Lausanne as King Michael, his mother, Queen Helen, his aunt, the widowed Duchess of Kosma, and his uncle, Prince Nicholas.—Reuter.

Repatriation Commission Expelled

(Continued from Page 1) proof." On the other hand, he said, the French Government had not furnished him with any facts enabling him to answer Soviet allegations of deeds "tolerated if not encouraged" by the French Government.

ACCUSATIONS

He listed French acts directed against Russia as: (1) hindering or preventing the return to Russia of Soviet citizens in France or the French occupation zones.

(2) Permitting propaganda hostile to the Soviet Union in displaced persons camps.

(3) Delivering "false" documents, such as the one charging Soviet citizens with subversive activities in connection with the recent disorders in France.

(4) Refusing to return to the Soviet Union Soviet citizens accused of war crimes.

M. Marquie charged that there had been "systematic bad faith through successive French Governments" in carrying out the two-year-old Franco-Russian repatriation agreement which was cancelled yesterday by the Soviet Union.—United Press.

Filipino's Win

White Plains, Dec. 10.—Al Victoria, of Virgin Islands, knocked out Speedy Navarro, of the Philippines, in the fifth round in a semi-final bout here today.—United Press.

Rugby Results

London, Dec. 10.—The results of Rugby matches played yesterday were:

Rugby League—Bramley, 3; New Zealand, Tourists 31.

Rugby Union—Sussex 8; Hampshire 38.—Reuter.

Increased U.S. Powers In Germany Clarified

London, Dec. 10.—The statement by the United States Secretary of the Army, Mr Kenneth Royall, to the Senate that, as a result of the Washington financial negotiations, the United States would in future have "controlling power over the economic and financial policies" in the merged Western Zones of Germany was qualified today by a Foreign Office spokesman as applying only to foreign trade.

The spokesman, representing the German Department of the Foreign Office, made it clear that the future division of power and responsibility between Britain and the United States in any field outside foreign trade had not even been discussed in the negotiations for a revision of the merger agreement of last December.

The Foreign Office spokesman later flatly denied another version of the Washington statement carried by a London newspaper which attributed to Mr Royall the view that the United States would also control political policy.

It is understood that what was actually discussed in Washington, apart from the extent of the future financial contributions by both countries, was the composition and organisation of a joint Export-Import Agency.

The draft agreement now awaiting the approval of both Governments is expected to give the Americans a majority control of that Agency, with limited right of appeal against the majority's decision to the Zonal commanders.—Reuter.

Coal Price Hike

Essen, Dec. 10.—The chiefs of the German mining industry have asked the British and American bizonal administrations to raise the pithead price of ton of coal from 15 marks to the price of three cigarettes on the black market—25 marks.

They want a bigger pithead price, both for exported coal and for home use in Germany.

An expert said that the present fixed price was based on production.

OUTWARD MAIIS

Christmas letter mail by air will close on Friday, December 12, the following times:—Glasgow, 3 p.m.; ordinary 3 p.m.; London CPO, registered 3 p.m.; Canton, 3 p.m.; ordinary 3 p.m. This mail is expected to arrive in the United Kingdom on Thursday, December 13.

United States mail, stated, registered and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than ordinary mail. All mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 8 p.m. on previous day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Closing Times By Air
Sydney and Auckland 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsinling
and Canton 3.30 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 7 a.m.
Macau, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.
Straits, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia
(Sea) 10 a.m.
Ceylon, India, East and South Africa,
Egypt and Europe via London (Sea) 10 p.m.
Rangoon (Sea) 10 a.m.
Taikong (Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.
Singapore (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Sea) 1 p.m.
Macao, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macau, Tsinshan and Shekki (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongming (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Closing Times By Air
Shanghai 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi,
Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobe), Johannesburg,
& Marseilles via Cairo) 8.30 a.m.
London Relay 3.30 p.m.
Salon and Paris, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow,
Tsinling and Peiping, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow 3.30 p.m.
Canton 3.30 p.m.
Chungking, 3.30 p.m.
Holloway 3.30 p.m.
Closin Times By Sea & Train
Canton (Train) 1 p.m.
Salon (Sea) 1 p.m.
Palipar (Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 10 a.m.
Straits (Sea) 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Closing Times By Air
Shanghai 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi,
Bahrain, Cairo (Nairobe), Johannesburg,
& Marseilles via Cairo) 8.30 a.m.
London Relay 3.30 p.m.
Salon and Paris, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking,